

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A thermally sprayed article comprising:  
an inner layer of a metal material having a  
5 first predetermined thickness;  
an outer layer formed on said inner layer of  
a composite made of a polymer and the metal material  
having a second predetermined thickness.

10 2. A thermally sprayed article as set forth  
in claim 1 wherein said second predetermined thickness  
is less than said first predetermined thickness.

15 3. A thermally sprayed article as set forth  
in claim 1 wherein chips machined from said outer layer  
are long and curly.

20 4. A thermally sprayed article as set forth  
in claim 1 wherein chips machined from said outer layer  
have a size of approximately one to three millimeters.

5. A thermally sprayed article as set forth  
in claim 1 wherein said outer layer has a hardness less  
than said inner layer.

6. A thermally sprayed article as set forth in claim 1 wherein said polymer and said metal material are co-deposited to form said outer layer.

5 7. A thermally sprayed article comprising:

an inner layer of a metal material having a first predetermined thickness;  
an outer layer formed on said inner layer of a composite made of a polymer and the metal material having  
10 a second predetermined thickness less than said first predetermined thickness, said outer layer having a hardness less than said inner layer.

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